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**TODAY and WEDNESDAY:
STUDENT REFERENDUM
ON \$12 A.S. FEE INCREASE**

Polling locations and times:
Event Center: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
King Library: 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Student Union: 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Uchida Hall: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

By Daniel DeBolt
Daily Staff Writer

In response to allegations that the "con" statement he wrote for the Associated Students referendum's voter information guide contains fallacies, Steve Cohen rebutted on Monday by alleging a history of A.S. misusing funds.

He also pointed to a 2003 audit

showing \$7.5 million in unspent A.S. funds out of a \$14-million budget.

The two A.S. employees who last week accused Cohen of submitting a misleading con statement — Alfonso De Alba and Randy Saffold — could not be reached for comment by deadline on Monday.

Cohen's statement appears in the pro/con section of the voter information guide for today and Wednesday's

A.S. referendum for a proposed \$12 fee increase.

Saffold, the manager of A.S. Campus Recreation, called Cohen's con statement "misleading" for stating that campus recreation and child care each had roughly \$250,000 in unspent student funds as of June 2003. Saffold

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Student collapses in class, later dies

By Zakk Jones
Daily Staff Writer

After collapsing in class last week, San Jose State University art major Nancy Leat, 22, died on Thursday, according to the University Police Department. Sgt. Robert Noriega said no official cause of death has been released at this time, but said that Leat had a heart problem.

According to Noriega, Leat, a Sunnyvale resident, lost consciousness in a Geology 103 class at around 7 p.m. on Wednesday. She had been wearing a bracelet to notify others that she had a heart problem.

Noriega said emergency medical technicians tried to revive her prior to the arrival of UPD and the San Jose

Fire Department.

Upon arrival, the fire department set up a defibrillator, and Leat was taken via ambulance to the San Jose Medical Center.

The Santa Clara County Coroner's office said Leat passed away at the Medical Center at 7:08 a.m. on Thursday, May 6.

Ellen Metzger, the professor of geology who teaches the class that Leat was attending, could not be reached Monday for comment.

A friend of Leat's said a viewing will be held from noon until 9 p.m. today at the Lima Family Mortuary at 1315 Hollenbeck Ave. in Sunnyvale, followed by funeral services at 6 p.m. Wednesday, also at Lima Family Mortuary.

Saffold retires after 35 years at SJSU



Nicholas R. Wright / Daily Staff

St. S. Saffold, right, speaks with Georgetta Germany, a retired employee of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library, at his retirement party at the Student Union's Barrett Ballroom on Monday. Saffold is retiring after 35 years as an employee of San Jose State University. His most recent position was the associate vice president for student affairs, which he has held since 1997.

By Theresa Smith
Daily Staff Writer

More than 300 people filled the Barrett Ballroom in the Student Union Monday, where a line formed as guests waited to greet and congratulate St. S. Saffold on his retirement after 35 years of service at San Jose State University.

Saffold, who is known simply by "St.," an abbreviation for Saint, said he would miss the professional relationships with the students, faculty and staff at SJSU.

Julie Wydeven, coordinator of the Adaptive Technology Center in the Disability Resource Center, said Saffold is the biggest supporter of the center.

"He has been a lifeline for the disability community here at San Jose State," Wydeven said. "His support will be missed."

Mary Moore, an educational counselor at SJSU, said she has known Saffold for as long as he's been at the university.

"I was a student here when he was a student here," Moore said. "He's the best and he deserves all the rewards."

Peter Haas, political science professor, said he knew Saffold mostly by his affiliation with the nighttime basketball association.

"The (nighttime basketball association) was a basketball game where people across the campus played at nighttime," Haas said. "I played with him and he was named Player of the Century."

Haas said he will miss Saffold's sense of humor. "He just got a way about him that makes it fun to be in the same room with him — and on the basketball court," Haas said.

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Former Raider speaks on campus about his faith

By Maria Villalobos
Daily Staff Writer

With a black Raider emblem embossed upon his bible, former Oakland Raider offensive tackle Steve Wisniewski came Monday to speak at San Jose State University.

"I didn't know what I was going to say today," said Wisniewski, who retired from the Raiders after the 2001 football season. "I just prayed to the Holy Spirit."

The event was presented by Soul Diggers Ministry, an on-campus ministry that preaches the gospel to SJSU students, said Kunthea Meas, president of the organization.

"Even though it was a small turnout, I'm just grateful he took time out and spoke to the students," said Meas, a senior double majoring in international business and business management. "I'm just happy one person received the word of God."

Meas said the Golden Alter Ministry World Outreach Church and pastor Calvin Cook founded the Soul Diggers last semester because they wanted to reach students who aren't familiar with the teachings of

Jesus Christ.

"We want to gather a group of people and disciple them," Meas said about their goal. "We preach every Tuesday on a soapbox and would like to have many students all over campus preaching."

Wisniewski said to a crowd of about 20 people that he wasn't concerned with the turnout.

"I don't care if there's two of us or a thousand," said the eight-time, all-pro player who played 13 seasons with the Raiders. "I just want people to know God."

Wisniewski said after football games, Christians from both squads would get together on the fifth yard to pray. He said people would never believe that the Raiders would be religious.

"There is a whole host of Christian believers out there," Wisniewski said. "They're not afraid to identify — like Tim Brown and Rich Gannon to name a few."

Wisniewski talked about former teammates that had talent, fame and success, but they all had one thing in common.

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Graduation event celebrates Chicano students' heritage

By Carly Roden
Daily Staff Writer

After five months of planning and fundraising, some 100 graduating San Jose State University students on May 30 will celebrate their accomplishments and honor their families at Chicano Commencement, a student-organized graduation ceremony geared toward Latino students.

According to Yolanda Hernandez, a senior majoring in sociology, Chicano Commencement was started in the 1960s by a group of Latino students who felt the larger, university-wide graduation ceremony was impersonal and not inclusive of all cultural values.

"We want to focus on family and honor our parents because they've contributed to our success and were part of the struggle," Hernandez said.

A student organization called Chicano Commencement Committee plans the graduation event.

The ceremony runs from 3 p.m. to midnight at the Santa

Clara Convention Center, and will include speeches from graduates, guest speakers, dinner, dancing and cultural acts, Hernandez said.

"We go all out because we want a nice ceremony," Hernandez said. "People invite everyone from their extended family to their fraternity and sorority members."

With an anticipated 2,000 guests attending this year's ceremony, the members of Chicano Commencement had to work throughout the semester to make arrangements and raise money, said Maria Carrillo, one of the event's co-chairs.

"We got off to a late start and not a lot of people were involved, so we all kind of stepped up and took on leadership roles," Carrillo said.

Carrillo said her responsibilities include overseeing the subcommittees such as entertainment, publicity and decorations, in addition to arranging for guest speakers.

"It's a lot of organizing. We're

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New president Yu meets Senate; athletics covered

By Jenny Shearer
Senior Daily Staff Writer

The state of athletics at San Jose State University dominated much of Monday's Academic Senate meeting.

Paul Yu, incoming president, who is on campus for a brief visit, encouraged the senators to maintain perspective and look for solutions to external challenges.

"The first conclusion as I look over the landscape is that our threats — threats to the institution and the community — are mainly external," Yu said. "The second conclusion follows from the first one. That is obviously, in order to be effective and deal with these threats, we have to come together as a group, as an institution, as a community and marshal all our resources against these external threats."

Yu's remarks seemed to be in response to actions taken by the Academic Senate at its April 19 meeting about athletics funding and SJSU's participation in Division I-A athletics.

During last month's meeting, a resolution passed recommending the administration reduce the amount of general fund support for Spartan athletics from 3.3 percent to 1.8 percent by the 2005-06 academic year.

Another element of the April

resolution was that "Interim President Crowley or his successor immediately initiate the process of withdrawal from Division I-A and the WAC," according to Senate documents.

Yu said the academic community should deal with disagreements carefully.

"It's very easy in the heat of the moment to overstate, overreact and damage unintentionally the institution as a whole, and that would be most unfortunate," Yu said.

Yu also said he has one agenda — to make SJSU strong and proud.

"I have no other interests. I think my job will be fairly easy. The difficult part will be to convince everybody I really believe that," he said.

New task force to explore athletics-reform coalition

The Senate also voted to form a task force to explore the possibility of joining the Coalition of Intercollegiate Athletics, a group comprised of faculty members at Division I-A universities.

The coalition has a "framework for comprehensive athletics reform," the goals of which include bringing out the "positive aspects of intercollegiate athletics, which contribute to the

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Green thumbs



Carlen Veldpape / Daily Staff

Lewis Reed, left, and Kurt Elvert count the weeds in the lettuce bed in the garden on campus on Thursday afternoon. Elvert, a senior, and Reed, a junior in environmental studies, both take the sustainable agriculture class. This class is doing experiments with monocultures and policultures. "What we expect to see is that there will be a better production in the policulture bed because both crops have different needs and thus use the soil more efficiently," Reed explains. "Also, we will probably see less weeds in the policulture bed."

ANYTHING BUT ORDINARY

Model Asian stereotypes are old and outdated

Something about the picturesque smiling petite Asian girl sitting behind the backdrop of the Cal Berkeley campus in the Argus newspaper Sunday made me want to puke.

The 21-year-old girl was being bestowed with the highest honor at the university for her grade point average and her achievements.

That's just great, another typical Asian American do-gooder at Berkeley who majored in economics and molecular cell biology. The girl deserves credit for her success, but somehow I can't shake the feeling this poster child is unrealistic.

In the interview, she describes how she's experienced a host of activities from surfing in Santa Cruz to water skiing in Lake Tahoe. Since when do surfing and water skiing equal diversity?

What really irked me was the model minority stereotype image she portrayed. She spoke of no struggles or hardships. It was as if her life was perfect, idealistic and wonderful.

That picture doesn't seem to fit with the Asian Americans I know who struggled to find jobs, overcome racism and rise through the glass ceiling.

Some of my Asian American friends lived in houses with large families, shared rooms with several people and drove beat-up cars that would regularly fail.

These stereotypes place additional pressure to fit a mold

that's been carved for them.

Andrew Chin and Judy Tseng of modelminority.com argue by over-emphasizing Asian American success, the minority are misrepresented as "proof that America provides equal opportunities for those who conform and work hard, it excuses American society from careful scrutiny on issues of race in general, and on the persistence of racism against Asian Americans in particular."

This girl doesn't paint a realistic picture of other Asian Americans who aren't able to afford the same opportunities she's had.

Coincidentally, we went to the same high school and graduated in the same class but my experience was far different.

As an Asian American growing up in the suburbs, I didn't live the idealistic or romanticized life she describes.

My parents earned barely enough to pay the bills and extra money was hard to come by. I didn't live in two- or three-story houses and we certainly never drove luxury cars.

For most of my childhood, I lived in San Leandro, a suburb of Oakland, where crime and drugs were prevalent. The local elementary school I attended included a mix of people from all cultures.

Grades were never a concern among my friends because

we didn't have any particular career aspirations. We just wanted to be kids who explored a variety of activities and experiences.

These were people whose parents never had the opportunity to attend college or higher education.

But the experience allowed me to see outside of the world and step out of the typical stereotype of my culture.

It wasn't until I moved to another suburb, Fremont, that the idealistic minority stereotypes were persistent and prevalent.

The Asian American students I attended school with seemed to have the same goals — they wanted to attend a prestigious university, make loads of money and either be doctors, scientists or engineers.

It made me sick to see so many of my peers so easily fall into this trap.

They drove their Mercedes and BMWs as if life was that easy for them as a minority. My friend and I joined the orchestra because we wanted to learn to play the violin for fun. Beating up our resumes at that age was never a concern.

There's this misconception, because I'm an Asian American, that I excel in math and science.

Those subjects were my most challenging courses in high school. I used to study for hours only to relieve my frustra-

tion crying because I couldn't calculate basic pre-calculus equations.

I want to see Asian Americans take on different roles and tackle a subject they might've never tried like literature or acting.

There's this perception that Asian Americans can only be mathematicians or engineers. We come in different forms and types, not just the brainy kind.

Asian Americans I know today are more than the cookie-cutter minorities they've been typecast as. They are activists, political leaders, accomplished musicians and novelists.

I hope future Asian Americans will challenge themselves to break out of their mold and experience a variety of activities.



JANET PAK

Janet Pak is the Spartan Daily lifestyles editor. This is the final appearance of "Anything but Ordinary."

Viewpoint: Vote 'no' on proposed student fee increase

Dear editor,

The proposed student fee increase that is being considered over the next couple of days is a bad idea. At a time when students are feeling financial pressures all over the place, the Associated Students, who oppose fee increases for everything else, decide it is time to do some more empire building on the backs of students.

Executive Director Alfonso De Alba claims students were part of this effort to impose fees for campus recreation and the A.S. Child Development Center. In his effort to create

more programs under his control, De Alba is spinning better than the GOP. The private meeting between De Alba, Vice President Monica Rascoe and Rachel Greathouse did not involve students at all. They chose to have this advisory election far late in the semester and not on the ballot when the A.S. officers were elected for obvious reasons.

Last year, the A.S. spent student money to defeat the Student Union fee increase, largely because the A.S. does not control the Student Union, and when no one is looking, out comes the A.S. staff with a fee increase for

themselves.

Vote "no" on the measure that is bundled with two items, contrary to state law, but bear in mind that regardless of the result, the private group of non-student proponents of this measure will press to impose fees without student input. Budget documents seem to be regarded as military secrets at the A.S. House, and students must take back the reins of the association from nonelected leaders.

James Rowen
Graduate Student
Urban Planning

SPARTA GUIDE

Sparta Guide is provided free of charge to students, faculty and staff members. The deadline for entries is noon, three working days before the desired publication date. Entry forms are available in the Spartan Daily office in Dwight Bentel Hall, room 209. Entries can also be e-mailed to spartandaily@casa.sjsu.edu titled "Sparta Guide." Space restrictions may require editing of submissions. Entries are printed in the order in which they are received.

TODAY

School of Art and Design

Art exhibitions featuring student galleries will be on display from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Art and Industrial Studies buildings. For more information, call the gallery office at 924-4330.

Department of Nutrition and Food Science

Body fat testing using cutting-edge analyzer will be held every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to noon or by appointment in the Central Classroom building, room 221. Cost is \$5 per student. For more information, call Sherry at 924-3362.

School of Journalism & Mass Communication

Tickets to the JMC Convocation will be on sale from 10:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. on the first floor of Dwight Bentel Hall. For more information, email prssasjsu@yahoo.com.

SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry

Mass will take place at 12:10 p.m. at the SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry chapel. For more information, call Sister Marcia Krause 938-1610.

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Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering

Students from ME 106: Fundamentals of Mechatronics will demonstrate their autonomous robotic devices from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Engineering building, room 125. For more information, call Burford J. Furman at 924-3817.

Hip-Hop Congress

A meeting will take place at 4 p.m. in the Pacheco room of the Student Union. For more information, call Wes Kuruhara at 476-6397.

SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry

A scripture reflection titled "The Bible and You" will take place from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry chapel. For more information, call 938-1610.

Department of Economics Provocative Lecture

John Stossel of ABC's "20/20" will sign his book "Give Me a Break" during a reception from 7:15 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Morris Dailey Auditorium.

PERPETUAL OUTSIDER

A thank you to those who helped me in college

From now on, nothing ever will be the same. It is two weeks until graduation and the thought of it makes me want to run over and cross the invisible line from student to graduate, and at the same time run back and be a freshman all over again — just to be safe for four more years.

When I began college four-and-a-half years ago, all I wanted to do was write and change the world. It was a stubborn, scary and rebellious journey that I chose to travel, and I am glad that despite all the family pressure and yelling, I am still walking down the road.

This journey wouldn't have been possible without all the teachers who walked by my side from the beginning. Teachers make all the difference between success and failure in a student's education. They are often the ones who can make a student push harder and keep trying until he or she surpasses excellence, no matter how hard or unfamiliar the subject and the struggle.

I can never thank enough some of my teachers who have taken care of me like my own parents. Dennis Dunleavy, Richard Craig, Harvey Gotliffe, Jan Shaw and most of all, Mack.

They have listened, comforted, encouraged, offered advice and helped me out with everything from low self-confidence to family problems, from rejection letters to car accidents, from scholarships to job offers. If I turned from someone who doubted myself to someone much more confident and accepting of who she is, it is because of them and their belief in me.

And most of all, I can never be grateful enough to Mack. It is him that I look for every day when I come to school, and there is a feeling of comfort and security every time I pass by his office and see him sitting there doing his work. He doesn't have to say anything to me. He just has to be there. Mack, for me, can solve any problem in the world. All I need to do is sit there and talk to him to feel better.

As I prepare for my life ahead of me, I am making choices I wasn't raised to make by myself, wasn't allowed to make for myself. Simple things — leaving home, making my own career decisions, deciding where I will live and who I will marry, what I will do with my money and my free time — mean so much to me as I had to fight and often stumble hard to get here.

When I finally graduate and move on toward

independence, the most important lesson I will take with me is to never let anybody or any event shake my pride and self-respect in such a way that I give up believing in everything that I lived for and held dear.

I am going to try very hard to give the same respect to everyone and make sure that nobody's voice and rights are silenced anywhere in the world. My education is going to be my weapon to stand up for other people. It won't be a waste.

I can never close this chapter of my life without acknowledging some of the people who have supported and stood by me through these past few years. My friends here at the Spartan Daily, who I spend more time with than my own family and who'll always be important to me no matter how and where I am in life. Some of my best memories in college are connected with them, and I have met some very strong, passionate, intelligent, dedicated and caring people, whom I have learned a lot from and will always admire.

I will always thank God for introducing me to Sandeep Biswas (even though he is busy ignoring me now) who has been my friend through heartbreaks, Bollywood movies and my incessantly stupid jokes. I shall always be grateful to Tim Burke for caring for me enough to walk me to my car or the bus every night and listening to my nonstop chatter without judging.

I have always been kept sane by my best friends in India — Rashmi, Aarthi and Aarti — who have provided me long-distance support and love, and by Phuong and Deepa, who have been my close friends and counselors here.

I am everything I am because of my grandmother, my parents, Vivek and my uncles and aunts, who cared for and loved me enough to support me despite our seeing things differently, who never let me give up despite giving up on me.

To Jeevan, who makes me excited about the future by possessing everything special and good that other people have in themselves. And much more.

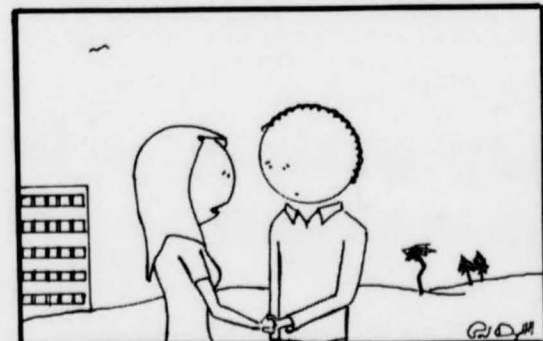
To all of you, thank you.

Rima Shah is a Spartan Daily senior staff writer. This is the final appearance of "Perpetual Outsider."



RIMA SHAH

ANOTHER DIMENTION PAUL DYBDAHL



"I KNOW WE'VE HAD A WONDERFUL TIME DATING THIS YEAR, PAUL, BUT I'M AFRAID WE HAVE TO BREAK UP — I JUST DON'T KNOW WHAT I'D DO WITHOUT MY ANNUAL SUMMER FLING."

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Reservist followed orders, her lawyer says

Associated Press

DENVER — Army Pfc. Lynndie R. England was ordered by her superiors to pose with naked Iraqi prisoners at Abu Ghraib prison, her attorneys said Monday, so that the photos could be used to frighten and demoralize other prisoners.

"People told Pfc. England, 'Hold that leash,' told her to smile, so they can show the photos to subsequent prisoners," said Carl S. McGuire, one member of a team of Denver-area lawyers defending England.

The 21-year-old Army reservist, who was photographed holding a leash tied to the neck of a naked prisoner, faces a court-martial on 13 counts of misconduct.

"They picked her to get the smallest, youngest, lowest-rank woman they could find, and that would increase the humiliation for an Iraqi man," said Rose Mary Zapor, another member of the Denver-based legal team.

In a news conference Monday night, England's attorneys also said that President Bush's public condemnation of the prison guards at Abu Ghraib makes it all but impossible for the accused soldiers

to get a fair court-martial.

"The commander in chief is making statements that the client is already guilty and will be punished. We think that is basically unfair, when she is going to be tried by military officers," Zapor said. "We don't want to get involved in anything political, but as a legal matter, the commander in chief acted improperly. ... We're going to ask the president to cease and desist his comments regarding the defendants."

The attorneys did not identify the superiors they say ordered England to pose for the photos that have stunned the world. But McGuire charged that civilians had "contaminated the chain of command" at Abu Ghraib. He said England had been given orders by "people from the OGAs — that means, 'other government agencies,' and it's usually code for the CIA, the defense intelligence agencies and similar outfits."

Zapor described England, who grew up in the rural village of Fort Ashby, W.Va., as a "21-year-old girl who joined the Army Reserve right out of high school and worked as a clerk."



Daniel a. Miranda / Daily Staff

Former Oakland Raiders' Lineman Steve Wisniewski speaks to a group of people in the amphitheatre next to the Student Union on Monday. Left, Sergio Ramos, a junior marketing major, wears a personally autographed Raiders' jersey with Steve Wisniewski's number on it.

CEREMONY

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trying to take care of all the details so we can enjoy the day and not be stressed out," Carrillo said.

The group's three chairs frequently met with past organizers of the event to communicate, share planning tools and "pass on the torch," Carrillo said.

Adrian Aspinosa, one of last year's co-chairs, who graduated with a degree in biology, said he has attended Chicano Commencement for the last six years and tried to make himself available to help the new organizers.

"I want to support my friends and give them input," Aspinosa said. "They've done such a good job considering the short amount of time they've had."

Hernandez said the entertainment committee made sure to honor the graduates' roots and cultures when planning the celebration. This year, the entertainment will include mariachis, a disc jockey, Aztec dancers and performances by Ballet Folklórico and the band Grupo Norteño.

Carrillo said the Chicano Commencement Committee has also arranged for NBC 11 reporter Damian Trujillo to be one of the guest speakers, and is in the process of selecting five "madrinos" and "padrinos" — godparents who have guided and supported members of the graduating class — to honor at the ceremony.

Nancy Castros, a senior majoring in advertising, who serves as fund-raising co-chair, said it was a struggle to come up with different ideas for making money, especially with other pressures that come as graduation approaches.

"It's mind-boggling, with a job, an internship and classes," Castros said. "I'm not going to lie — at some points I wanted to give up, but I know a lot of people are relying on us."

Castros said every student who signs up to participate in the

ceremony must log at least 10 hours helping with the organizing and fund-raising efforts.

Members have held car washes and barbecues, sold raffle tickets and T-shirts and worked concessions at Spartan Stadium. According to Castros, the commencement committee is still working to reach its goal.

"Initially we thought we would need around \$40,000, but now it looks like we're going to spend closer to \$50,000," Castros said.

Proceeds from ticket sales, which are \$35 per guest, will be put toward expenses, and the group also receives donations from community members and alumni, she said.

Despite the stress of planning the commencement, Castros said members feel it is worth the effort to keep the tradition of Chicano Commencement alive.

"We do it for our younger siblings, to inspire them to participate in Chicano Commencement — or even just to go to school," Castros said.

MINISTRY

'We can all relate — he's real. He's someone who lives a normal life'

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"You have to look inward — all the riches and fame won't leave you satisfied," Wisniewski said. "All the world has to offer won't make you happy — unless you receive the word of God."

Wisniewski said his message was about choosing "the path of least resistance," in life.

"As men and women, we don't follow the path of least resistance," Wisniewski said. "We follow an easier path, but God's got a plan for us and sometimes that path isn't easy."

Wisniewski said his message is for people of all races, religions and socio-economic backgrounds. He said God looks at your heart, not your degrees, and he talked about students taking different paths

in life and to seek God's help in making the right decisions.

"I played football for 23 years," Wisniewski said. "If you want to grow, find a church. You will be amazed at what God will do for you."

Students weren't the only people who came to listen to what Wisniewski had to say.

"I thought it was great," said Karry Osteen, who is involved with the ministry. "I got both my kids an autograph. They need to have more people come out here to speak the word of God."

Yara Estrada, a junior majoring in theater arts, said she enjoyed Wisniewski's words.

"The message was a practical one," Estrada said. "We can all relate — he's real. He's someone

who lives a normal life."

Wisniewski said he is part of The Well Christian Community Church in Dublin where he helps teach and preach with former Raider Napoleon Kaufman, who left the Raiders in 2000 to become a full-time preacher.

Wisniewski said religion wasn't always a big part of his life until he attended a bible study when he played with the Raiders.

"God turned my life around," Wisniewski said about the transition from being considered one of the

most violent players on the football field to being where he is today.

Wisniewski said he has nothing to complain about when it comes to Raiders' owner Al Davis.

"He's a very generous employer and a man who is deeply passionate about football," said Wisniewski, who still has a relationship with Davis. "I have nothing bad to say about him."

Meas said the Soul Diggers will be having their last bible study on May 13 at the Student Union.

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Anonymous, Korea

The Navy Hymn

When we were shot down it was so peaceful and quiet as I was descending that it seemed there wasn't even a war going on. This was out in the country. When I reached the ground, the German guards were waiting for me... He took my .45 and I was very apprehensive about what was going to happen next. We were told that if we ever did go down over enemy territory that we should try by all means to stay away from civilians and, if capture was inevitable, to turn ourselves in to the German soldiers. Civilians were capturing airmen and bringing them down to the village... hanging them. They figured we were coming... deliberately bombing their homes, churches... indiscriminately, not just going for military targets. It was not true. Sometimes it would look like that, but when you do this kind of bombing, this kind of bombing, you cover a tremendous big area with a lot of aircraft, and some of the bombs would not go right on target. So it was understandable why some of the people were upset.

Interrogation was over, our crew was all together, and they took us to a small detention camp, where we stayed approximately ten days. They took all our clothes and we went through a delousing program. They issued us new

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Ralph Albright, Private, 1943

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San Jose Mercury News, 1970

ABOVE: The Veteran's Memorial of San Jose and Santa Clara Valley, by the Manhattan Projects and Betty Chin, features accounts from WWII and the Vietnam War. The memorial on the lawn adjacent to the Center for Performing Arts features excerpts from the San Jose Mercury News and the other local publications.

History depicted through *San Jose's art*

Photos and story by Rebecca Villaneda / Associate Production Editor

People from all walks of life and ethnic backgrounds reside in San Jose, adding their own flavor to the richly diverse city.

Downtown San Jose reflects its conglomeration of people and its history through many pieces of artwork scattered in and around the city.

Through the San Jose Redevelopment Agency and the San Jose Public Art Program, residents and visitors can get a quick history lesson just by walking through the city.

Both agencies work to commission, purchase or install artwork.

The Veteran's Memorial of San Jose and Santa Clara Valley sits on a lawn adjacent to the Center for the Performing Arts. Inscribed on glass sheets are accounts of past wars.

One section discusses how in 1943 San Jose High School raised funds for a torpedo boat bomber in which Jimmy Doolittle helped carry out the bombing of Tokyo.

The four bronze coyote statues by Peter Schiffrin commemorate the indigenous animals that once wandered along the banks of the Guadalupe River during the days of the Ohlone Indians. According to a plaque under one of the statues, the Ohlone people said the coyote and the eagle caused the Earth's water to recede. The two animals then created human beings, and harmony reigned with the establishment of El Pueblo de San Jose.

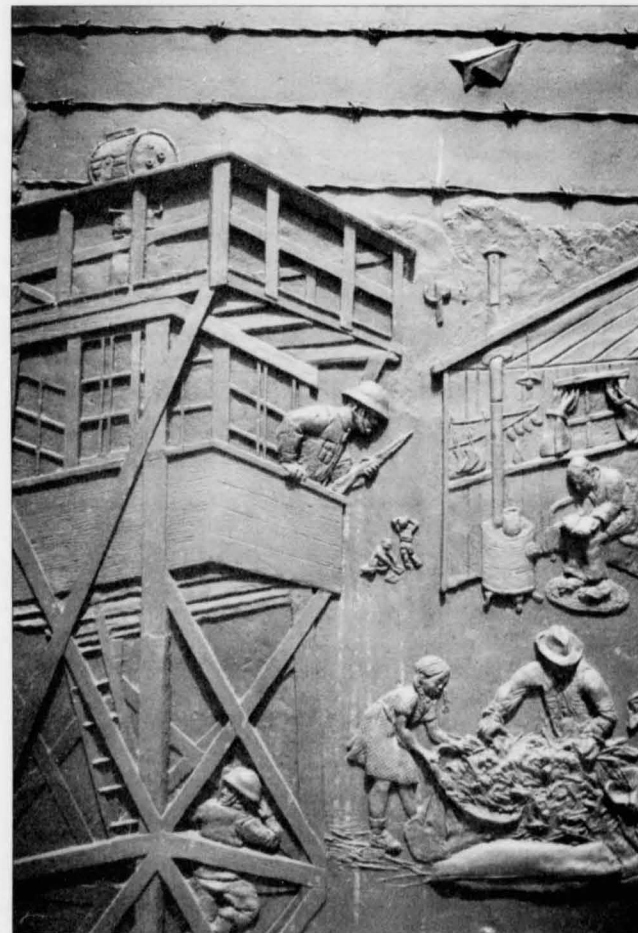
Some artwork has caused some controversy, such as the statue of Captain Fallon by artist Robert Glen,

located between St. James and Julian streets. The statue is of Fallon raising the American flag, which he did during the Mexican-American War of 1846. According to a plaque near the statue, opponents of the statue felt it represented troubling moments in American history. The plaque states it was a time when the United States used the Mexican-American War as a way to annex California from Mexico.

The statue that was supposed to be erected across from the Museum of Art sits in front of Pellier Park, which is the remains of the city garden established in 1850. The park is one of California's historical landmarks. When Louis Pellier brought the French Prune to San Jose in 1850, it became the backbone of the prune industry in California.

Another controversial piece of artwork is the Quetzalcóatl Plumed Serpent because, "It resembles a piece of s---," said Edward Sierra, who prays to the native god, Quetzalcóatl, of Latin America. Sierra, who was born and raised in San Jose, said the god is male and female — a symbol of duality. According to the plaque at the foot of the cemented serpent, Quetzalcóatl's depictions as a serpent were found in Mesoamerica from the beginning of the Olmec period, 1200 B.C.

Remembering Agriculture by artist Tony May celebrates the fact that agriculture ignited a local economy through fruits, nuts and grapes, leading to the canning industry of the 1920s. According to an inscription, by 1925 almost 7,000 families cultivated 130,000 acres of orchards in San Jose.



LEFT: The bronze memorial of the Japanese-American Internment by Ruth Asawa was installed in 1994 and is located in front of San Jose's Federal Building on Second Street. By the end of June 1942, 112,000 men, women and children were imprisoned in either Justice Department Camps or Temporary Detention Camps according to the plaque next to the mural.

BELOW: Captain Thomas Fallon raised the United States flag in San Jose during the Mexican-American War of 1846. The statue, located between St. James and Julian streets, ignited controversy and sat in a warehouse until a historic advisory committee recommended the city represent all points of the city's history, according to the plaque beneath the statue.

This statue by Robert Graham, of the Quetzalcóatl Plumed Serpent, is a mythological figure from the Olmec period in 1200 B.C. Edward Sierra lays flowers on the Mesoamerican god in memory of his friend who recently passed. Sierra said he prays to the statue, located on the south island of the Plaza de Cesar Chavez, three times a week.



ABOVE: Remembering Agriculture, located on Santa Clara Street, recognizes San Jose's blooming valleys. A plaque in front of the memorial states that agriculture spurred an entire economy in the 1920s.

RIGHT: The coyote statue, by sculptor Peter Schiffrin, is in honor of the indigenous animal that once roamed along the Guadalupe river with the Ohlone Indians. Four bronze coyotes sit atop tall platforms at the bridge of Guadalupe river on Park Avenue.



Popping in for coffee ...



Carlen Veldpape / Daily Staff

Addiam Tsehay, a senior with an interior design major, gets ready to sand parts of her project. The assignment for the 3-D class she is taking was to make something in an organic shape. Tsehay said she is making a coffee table because she likes to create practical things.

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personal development of athletes and enhance college life on campus and off," according to Senate documents.

James Brent, an associate professor of political science, introduced the task force resolution. He is involved with Spartans 4 Sanity, a group of faculty members, students and administrators who believe SJSU should leave Division I-A football.

Brent said he believed the goals of the coalition "are relevant regardless of what division capacity we happen to play in."

Rachel Greathouse, the Associated Students president-elect, introduced an amendment to add a student representative to the task force.

Greathouse proposed the student should either be the A.S. president, the director of programming or the director of extracurricular affairs.

The campus task force shall issue a report to the Academic Senate's Executive Committee — a group of faculty and student senators and campus administrators — by the spring 2005 semester, according to the resolution.

Brent also introduced a second athletics-oriented resolution, which requests that incoming president Yu create a task force to consider the appropriate athletics program for SJSU.

He said this second task force would also work with the Senate's Executive Committee over the summer "to develop membership in charge of the task force that would look into the question of what division should we be in, what type of athletic program would provide the benefits, the sense of pride, the campus spirit and so on and so forth, while at the same time reducing general fund expenditures on athletics."

The task force would take an open and honest look at the costs and benefits of athletics at SJSU, Brent said.

He added that whatever action regarding athletics is taken should come from an "open, consultative process, where people all across campus and off campus are considered and, as a result, I believe this is in keeping with spirit of the senate's actions three weeks ago."

Joseph Crowley, interim president, said he believed the request that Yu form a task force was an excellent idea given the level of interest and passion associated with the athletics issue at SJSU.

"There's a lot out there that needs

airing, there's a tremendous need for information," Crowley said.

Planning and budget process

The Senate was also presented with an update about the activities of the Resource Planning Board, a committee comprised of faculty and student senators and campus administrators.

Judith Lessow-Hurley, a coordinator of educational partnerships in the provost's office, said the goal of the planning board is to create transparency in SJSU's budget.

She also said the planning board members had a steep learning curve because it takes time to "figure out all the pieces that contribute to the budget picture."

Another planning board member, Don Kassing, the vice president of administration and finance, said SJSU is a small city, a \$360 million enterprise, and understanding the university's budget takes time.

SJSU alum's nonprofit Web site helps disabled comparison-shop

By Alexandra Proca
Daily Senior Staff Writer

Paiman Komeilizadeh, a San Jose State University alumnus, is a man with a mission: to help people with disabilities live an active life.

Komeilizadeh, a calm and cheerful man who gets around in a power-assisted wheelchair, is also a person with a deep understanding of marketing tools.

He is now putting all of his energy and knowledge into a San Jose-based nonprofit organization called AbleProject.org, where he and a volunteer staff of six are building a database of equipment for people with disabilities, Komeilizadeh said.

"We wanted to create a unique project in which to connect people who need the products with people who manufacture them and with people who distribute them," Komeilizadeh said.

Generally, he said, products for people with disabilities are difficult to find, identify and contrast and compare.

AbleProject.org is helping to remedy that, said Dirk Wassenaar, an SJSU marketing professor who is on AbleProject.org's board of directors. It provides a public service and a solution to a widespread but rarely addressed American problem. Komeilizadeh said there are fewer help services geared toward Americans with disabilities than to international disabled people.

On the AbleProject.org Web site, people can find equipment for the disabled organized in product and sub-products categories, manufacturers, dealers and resources.

"It's the Yellow Pages for people who need equipment," Wassenaar said.

People with disabilities can also fill out a form and ask to be contacted by a certain manufacturer or a dealer.

Komeilizadeh and Wassenaar said manufacturers and dealers list their information for free on the Web site.

Before establishing the organization in 2002, Komeilizadeh visited several manufacturers and asked them what the biggest issue with their businesses was, he said.

"They told me that marketing was too expensive," Komeilizadeh said.

By that time, he said, he had already gone through an agonizing personal experience that convinced him to do something for people like him.

Because of his spinal muscle atrophy diagnosis, Komeilizadeh needed some extra equipment, he said. With the stress of working 14 hours a day as a financial manager at AutoWeb,

an online car purchasing system, Komeilizadeh added the burdensome thought that he wouldn't be able to find the equipment to let him go on with his daily activities.

"It affected my work at that time," Komeilizadeh said. "I went under a lot of pressure. You physically go to a lot of dealers and try to find what you need."

It took him three months to locate the proper wheelchair to fit his needs, he said.

That is when he decided that a centralized database of equipment would ease the pain of shopping around, he said.

When AbleProject.org was launched in 2002, five to 10 manufacturers displayed about 50 products on the Web site, Komeilizadeh said.

Now people can research and compare about 1,200 products coming from more than 50 manufacturers, Komeilizadeh said.

In 2003, the organization counted 300,074 hits, while the first quarter of 2004 has already seen 220,000 hits. Out of these numbers, 1,100 per month in 2003 and 4,000 in 2004 were one-time visitors, Komeilizadeh said.

Komeilizadeh said he treats the nonprofit organization as a startup company.

"Without an organization and without a structure, you can not take your mission forward," Komeilizadeh said. "It's like life. If you don't have a goal, if you don't have an objective, and you don't have discipline, you can not achieve your goals."

In the future, he said, he hopes AbleProject.org will become the largest online resource for people with disabilities. It is already the only one, Komeilizadeh said, but it still needs to grow.

A closer goal is to develop a donations program, which is set to begin in the next couple of months, Komeilizadeh said. He said some medical equipment companies have already expressed interest in donating outdated gear, which cannot be further

sold but can be donated.

The first to benefit from what is now becoming an established department of AbleProject.org was Ali Mehrabian, an SJSU alumnus who graduated in 1996 with a master's degree in civil engineering.

Mehrabian, who suffers from a physical disability he wanted to keep undisclosed, said during a phone interview from Los Angeles, that AbleProject.org helped him receive a power-assisted wheelchair last year from a donation. He said the old one, which he had used for 10 years, had exhausted twice its lifetime of five years. Being a civil engineer in a city like Los Angeles requires one to move a lot from one place to another, he said.

"You have to go long distance, two to three miles. Without a chair it is almost impossible," Mehrabian said.

He said the insurance companies usually don't cover much of the equipment's high costs.

"Any kind of wheelchair is very expensive. It can easily go over \$20,000," Mehrabian said. "It's not easy to come up with this money. Oftentimes, people with disabilities are not rich enough to afford something like this."

Mehrabian said AbleProject.org, which he discovered by chance by performing a keyword search online, is a great resource. He said he wrote them an e-mail and the organization offered to help him.

"They happened to have a wheelchair for donation," Mehrabian said.

Komeilizadeh said he remembered they had just received the hardly used wheelchair from somebody's disabled father who had just died when Mehrabian e-mailed the organization.

"It can create a big difference in somebody's life," Komeilizadeh said.

Mehrabian said he found out after receiving the wheelchair that he and Komeilizadeh had met before while both were students at SJSU and involved in the disabled students association.

As a nonprofit organization,

AbleProject.org is financially sustained by funds from different sources, said Wassenaar, the marketing professor.

Last year, AbleProject.org received a \$10,000 grant from the Valley Foundation, which provides grants to help low-income people with medical needs, and raised \$10,000 more on its own. This year, Komeilizadeh said, he is hoping to get another grant of \$40,000.

Wassenaar said the organization relies on the volunteers' work. Besides, both Komeilizadeh and Wassenaar said, for now the organization operates from a rent-free office, offered to them for a limited time by Robert Mattock Direct Marketing, a printing company.

The company's CEO, Mory Tajally, decided to help the organization after finding out about their goal.

"I thought it was a good cause and I wanted to help them," Tajally said.

Komeilizadeh said the organization combines his vision with Arash Kouchesfehni's implementation tools. Kouchesfehni works with everything computer related for AbleProject.org, including updating the Web site, he said. Although he is not disabled, he decided to give most of his spare time leftover from his full-time job to AbleProject.org out of compassion, he said.

"I have a close friend who suffered from muscular dystrophy," Kouchesfehni said during a phone interview from the East Coast, where he was sent for work. "I tried to find a way to help him. Here is my opportunity to help."

Komeilizadeh said there are other people at AbleProject.org who are not disabled, but volunteer because they know someone who has a disability.

Komeilizadeh, who quit his job at AutoWeb to dedicate all his time to AbleProject.org, said his work is rewarding.

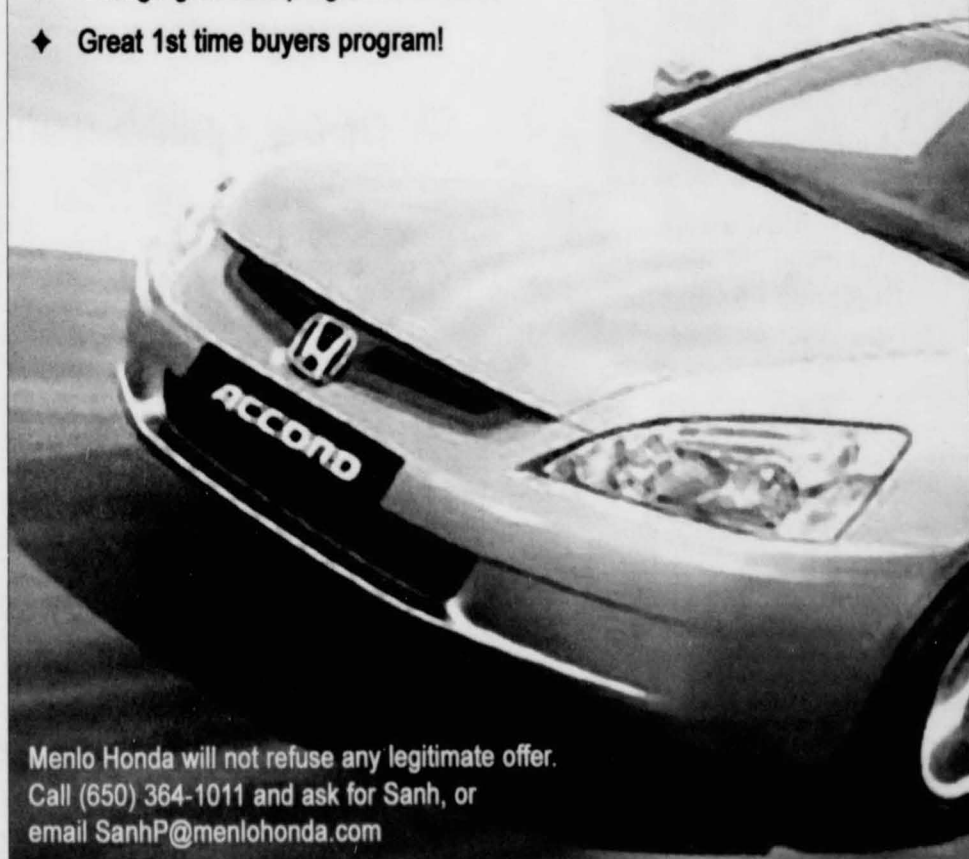
"The best thing is when people call and say, 'Thank you for being here,'" he said.

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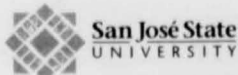
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REFERENDUM | Numbers in voter guide don't add up

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said the figures were actually reserves for the programs, which would be necessary in a budget crisis to operate the programs for a year.

But Cohen, a recreation and leisure graduate student, pointed out that the services were under the umbrella of A.S., which has a \$7.5 million reserve, more than enough to operate all of the services A.S. controls for a year. The A.S. yearly budget is roughly \$6 million.

Cohen said he thought the \$7.5 million was more than enough for any emergency the student government would face.

"How much reserve are we going to have?" he asked.

Cohen said that when he submitted his con statement on April 18, the \$12 fee initiative with the allocation chart had yet to be produced or was not yet a public document.

He said he thought that because of what he had seen the A.S. do in the past, they weren't going to publicize exactly how the increased fees would be spent.

The example he used was the fee increase that was passed in 2000 to build a 24-hour computer lab. Part of the money raised from measure P was used to acquire and restore the A.S. House without approval from students at large, and the computer lab that was built is not open 24 hours, Cohen said.

"The past history of A.S. fee allocation (shows they) do not put money into projects they insinuate the money will go to," he said.

The initiative's allocation charts don't add up

According to expenditure charts in the voter pamphlet, the proposed A.S. fee increase does not match totals for additional costs for the Child Development Center and Campus Recreation.

In one case, the proposed fee increase falls short.

In the other case, it is too high.

Based on a projected enrollment of 27,000 students in the voter guide, the proposed \$12 fee increase would yield an additional \$648,000 over the next two semesters.

The \$648,000 total would be split evenly between A.S. child care and recreation services, giving each an extra \$324,000, according to the initiative.

When totaled, additional costs listed in the voter pamphlet for the Child Development Center equal \$502,000 for 2004-05. This total exceeds the revenue the proposed

fee increase would bring by \$178,000.

Additional costs for Campus Recreation total \$246,000 in the voter pamphlet, which is \$78,000 less than the revenue the fee increase would bring.

Cohen said he was concerned about where the extra money would go.

The creation of the con statement

Cohen's con statement was one of only two submitted, according to David Erlichman, chief election officer.

The other con statement was submitted by Huy Tran, A.S. director of governing affairs. Cohen said the average student wouldn't have known he or she would be able to submit a statement for the voter pamphlet.

"How many students now know there is a fee increase (proposal)?" he said. "Who even knows?"

"I found out from other people who had become watchdogs for A.S. — a group of people who are so tired of getting ripped off by the A.S.," Cohen said. "The numbers are so large that it makes the inconsistencies that much worse. You are dealing with millions of dollars, not thousands."

Cohen said he had conducted his own "cost benefit analysis" of the Campus Recreation program by monitoring attendance of their events and finding out how much was being spent on salaries and other costs.

"If you go to the programs they create, their attendance is awful," Cohen said. "It's the worst, most inefficient usage of student funds on the entire campus."

The allocation chart shows \$30,000 from the increase will be given to social events. The pro statement in the voter guide states, "Voting yes will allow you to see movies, concerts, and fun events like 'Wheel of Fortune,' and also enjoy more fitness classes and intramural leagues ..."

The initiative states \$50,000 will be allocated to a sport program/risk management coordinator.

Cohen said that Rita Chandler, intramural and open recreation coordinator, was already performing that function.

Chandler could not be reached for comment Monday.

"What they have been doing, if you look at their history — they are soaking us," Cohen said. "We (the student body) have become that golden pot that anybody can stick their hand into."

Scrambling to hold a postponed referendum

"It wasn't last minute — it (the fee election) was supposed to have been done during last semester," said Pearl Yuan, A.S. director of community affairs, in an interview on Monday. "We knew we definitely needed to do it last semester."

"If the students vote no on it (the fees) we are going to start planning for how we are going to keep these services afloat," she said.

Yuan said that it was bad timing for the election since it was going to be held in the midst of finals.

"I am not sure it's going to pass," she said.

Cohen and Erika Jackson, a senior double majoring in anthropology and behavioral sciences, said the Spartan Party, which holds a majority of seats in A.S., waited until after the general election in March to prevent the fees from becoming an issue. In the general election in March, the Spartan Party swept every seat for which it fielded a candidate.

Cohen and Jackson said if fee increases were part of the general election, it would have caused a problem for the Spartan Party, who ran on a platform that included not raising fees.

Yuan had a different story. She said Nam Nguyen, leadership development coordinator for Student Life and Leadership and the adviser for the Election Board in March, had never advised an election before and would not have been able to handle a fee election and officer election at the same time.

Creating new rules

Yuan, who is the A.S. vice president-elect, said the Election Regulation Manual used for A.S. elections is in the process of being revised.

"We are in the in the process of improving it," she said.

Yuan said the new manual might include a rule about how many days before an election a voter information guide must be available to students, but she did not say whether fact-checking procedures would be added regarding pro/con statements.

She said there would be no rule about having too many elections in a short period of time.

"If there is a service (that needs money) and it's a time-sensitive issue, there should be an election for it," Yuan said.

Spartan Daily Managing Editor Tony Burchyns contributed to this story.

Assembly reviews Schwarzenegger's energy plans

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO — Lawmakers debated whether the state should again allow a competitive retail market for electricity Monday as they reviewed Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's energy goals.

Schwarzenegger's vision, outlined in a letter last week to Public Utilities Commission President Michael Peevey, includes a return to a competitive market for the state's largest electricity consumers.

Direct access, which lets consumers shop around for electricity, was a cornerstone of the state's failed attempt at deregulation. Proponents of direct access say that's a minor part of deregulation, and a physical shortage of electricity was more to blame for the state's energy crisis and blackouts in 2000 and 2001.

Schwarzenegger also urged the PUC to hasten a requirement that utilities keep a 15 percent electricity reserve by 2006 instead of 2008 and to finish writing regulations that let utilities sign long-term contracts for electricity.

If the state is going to allow large electricity users to escape their utilities and shop around for power, the plan would have to be approved by the state Legislature.

Former Assemblyman Rod Wright urged an Assembly committee Monday to define that market before requiring utilities to bulk up energy reserves.

If direct-access is reinstated, some utility customers will shop around for cheaper power, he said. If the 15-percent reserve requirement is in place, utilities will have too much power — and remaining customers will be stuck with the bill.

Much of Schwarzenegger's energy plan is focused on speeding up implementation of AB57, legislation Wright wrote in 2001, said Joseph Desmond, deputy secretary of the resources agency.

The PUC is working on implementing Wright's bill, said Peevey. The final pieces, including approving the utilities' long-term

resources plans, should be finished by the end of this year, he told members of the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee.

Peevey said he agreed with Schwarzenegger's plan to move up the reserves requirement, and with the governor's goal of allowing direct access.

"Having a more competitive market is in the public interest," Peevey said.

If lawmakers approve a bill allowing direct access, Peevey said the PUC would need a year to draft the rules and couldn't have it ready before 2006.

"You can't just jump in willy-nilly," he said. "We don't want to repeat that mistake."

Some environmental and consumer groups were skeptical, though, of again allowing consumer choice.

Allowing customers to shop around is going in the wrong direction, said Mike Florio, an attorney with The Utility Reform Network, a San Francisco-based consumer group.

"It creates more chaos when what we need is stability," Florio said. "Worry about the frills later."

Florio recommended delaying competition until the state builds more power plants.

Also Monday, the Assembly voted to approve legislation that lets Pacific Gas and Electric Co. issue bonds with a dedicated rate component — saving customers about \$1 billion over the life of the bonds. The bonds would be more secure than the present financing, so the interest rate would be lower, said Sen. Debra Bowen, D-Marina del Rey, the bill's author.

"I didn't support PG&E's bankruptcy settlement plan because I thought it was far too expensive and it stuck ratepayers with far too much of the bill for something they had absolutely no control over," Bowen said in a statement. "This doesn't make the bankruptcy settlement plan any better, since we can't undo what the bankruptcy court rubber-stamped, but it does make it a little bit cheaper for the ratepayers who are forced to pick up the tab."

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Students prepare hospitality event

By Claudia Plascencia
Daily Staff Writer

Since the beginning of this semester, students in the department of hospitality management have been working together to plan an annual fund-raising event.

It is the department's 13th Annual International Hospitality Celebration, which takes place from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Thursday at the San Jose McEnery Convention Center.

The mostly student-run event gives students the opportunity to gain experience in event planning and to help raise funds for the department.

"It's a chance for all the students to network with industry professionals," said Karen Quebec, student director of the event. "It's a good way to get our foot in the door."

She said Thursday's event will include live entertainment, a culinary contest, food and wine tasting and a silent auction. Tickets are on sale for \$65 per person or \$55 per person for groups of five or more, Quebec said.

Quebec, a senior majoring in hospitality management, said she had the help of two assistant directors, a financial controller and about 30 other hospitality management students on different committees organizing the event.

"It's been great. We have a lot of creative students, and the faculty and staff are great," Quebec said.

Colin Johnson, chair of the hospitality management department, said he wanted to emphasize that students do most of the work.

He said they are responsible for the theme, venue, entertainment and decorations.

Mickey Casab, a junior majoring in hospitality management, said his focus during the planning of the event has been media relations and publicity.

"My main focus was basically to get the word out," Casab said. "I think the first week I spent about eight hours on the phone contacting radio stations and newspapers."

Casab said they are expecting about 400 to 500 people this year.

Quebec said she is organizing this year's event as part of her internship

and most other students on the various committees are also doing it for their internships or apprenticeships.

Quebec said that an apprenticeship is about 200 to 300 hours of work and an internship is 300 to 400 hours of work.

She said that about 90 percent of the students have never worked on a project like this before.

"We start from nothing at the beginning of the semester," Quebec said.

Clarissa Martinez, a junior majoring in hospitality management, said she has been in charge of the silent auction and has put a lot of hours into planning it.

She said she had a list of businesses that donated items for last year's event, but many of them have since gone out of business.

"I pretty much just opened the Yellow Pages and just started calling people," Martinez said.

She said it has been very stressful for her because, apart from this event, she is juggling a full-time job as a store manager and is taking 18 units this semester.

Even though it has been hectic, she said she is still excited about Thursday night.

"I think it's going to be so much fun. I can't wait for the night," Martinez said.

She said she has learned about organization and networking with industry professionals throughout this semester.

"Part of being in the silent auction is that you have to communicate and network all the time," Martinez said. "When we meet them and then we graduate, they'll remember us."

She said the auction will be outside on a terrace so they will have to work hard to get people to go out and bid on items.

"I'm just praying and I hope we make our goal that we want to hit with our silent auction," Martinez said.

She said their goal is to make at least \$10,000 to \$12,000 in the silent auction.

They will be auctioning baskets that include stays at various hotels around the Bay Area, stays at the Palms Casino in Las Vegas, Southwest Airlines plane tickets worth \$800 and a winery tour worth \$1,500, Martinez said.

Aside from the silent auction there

will be about 40 different booths occupied by vendors, suppliers and restaurateurs displaying food, wine and beer, according to event organizers.

Casab said vendors will also be competing in a culinary contest and a live band will be performing.

Quebec said their goal is to raise about \$20,000, but they are actually projecting revenues of \$25,000 to \$30,000.

She said they tried to focus mainly on bringing hospitality industry professionals to the event, especially wedding planners, event planners and hotel managers.

"We want to make them aware of our department and what we can do and what we are capable of," Quebec said.

Johnson, chair of the department, said students learn many skills as they work together to plan the event.

"I would say that the teamwork aspect is important, and the fact that it's a real live function would be the main thing," Johnson said. "It's not a simulation."

Martinez said communication between the committee members was crucial to the organization of the event.

"They're like your co-workers, so you have to communicate and have an open mind about new ideas," Martinez said.

Even though they all worked at different tasks, it will all come together for them on Thursday.

"To see it happen I think would just make us all really happy," Casab said.

SAFFOLD | Wants to work with teenagers

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The ceremony, which consisted of a video of Saffold touring the campus and presentations made from colleagues, friends and family members, had live entertainment by the Eddie Gale Band, which played several tunes on stage during the beginning of the ceremony.

Alice Lee, vice president of Associated Students, said her organization was there to support Saffold and honor him with the A.S. 55 award.

According to the SJSU Web site, the A.S. 55 award was established in 1994 honoring those heroes of SJSU that do not receive granted recognition.

"We have also renamed a scholarship in his name and we increased the award from \$1,500 to \$2,000," Lee said.

Saffold's wife, Jacqueline, said he is just as nice of a man in his role as husband and father as people perceive him here on campus.

"He will be very happy in his retirement and pleasantly missed by his friends and the faculty," she said.

The division of Student Affairs amenities and social committee organized the event.

Steve Geraci, chair of the committee, said invitations were sent out

to friends and family of the guest of honor. Of those people, 289 responded to the invite, and with those 20 or 30 people that didn't RSVP and showed up — it made for a great turnout.

"This was an easy event to put together," Geraci said. "(And) since (Saffold) has been here for 35 years, anyone would do anything for him."

A table was set up for donations and gifts, and members from the committee took pictures of friends who wrote a brief note in a memento near their photo.

Sharon Willey, interim assistant vice president of planning and retention and vice president of student affairs, said she has known Saffold for 10 years and he has been an inspiration in terms of his commitment to the students and his ability to have a posi-

tive relationship with people.

"He's irreplaceable," Willey said.

Wiggy Sivertsen, director of counseling services, emceed the event as Saffold was presented with awards, plaques, certificates and gifts ranging from the original keys to his room in what was Allen Hall in the '60s to a gold basketball that resembled a globe.

Saffold, an alumnus of SJSU who majored in physical education in 1962, said he looks forward to resting a bit after retirement, but wants to ultimately work with teenagers.

Those in attendance were University Police Department Chief Andre Barnes, interim President Joseph Crowley, incoming President Paul Yu, SJSU alumnus and his former roommate Tommie Smith, family, students, staff and faculty members.

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